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SUBJECT: DIFFERENCE OVER FEDERAL CONCEPT FOR CYPRUS

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SUMMARY: OPPOSITION LEADER DEMIREL HAS PUBLICLY OPPOSED APPLICATION OF FEDERAL SYSTEM FOR CYPRUS. AT SAME TIME, COALITION LEADERS INSIST THEY ARE NOW IN AGREEMENT ON CYPRUS SOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

1. STATEMENT CRITICIZING PROPOSED FEDERAL SYSTEM FOR CYPRUS WAS ISSUED AUG 4 BY PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION LEADER SULEYMAN DEMIREL, CHAIRMAN OF JUSTICE PARTY (JP). DEMIREL CALLED FEDERAL SYSTEM "UNWORKABLE" BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT FULLY GUARANTEE TURKISH CYPRIOTS' SECURITY. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT OFFER ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL. HE WARNED AGAINST GIVING FULL CREDIT TO ECEVIT GOVT FOR TURKEY'S SUCCESS IN CYPRUS.

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2. IN ANOTHER STATEMENT BY OPPOSITION ALPASLAN TURKES,
HEAD OF SMALL, SUPERNATIONALIST NATIONAL ACTION PARTY (NAP),
CALLED FOR ANNEXING ALL OF CYPRUS.

3. MEANWHILE, PRIMIN ECEVIT AND DEPUTY PRIMIN ERBAKAN HAVE
BEEN PLAYING DOWN STORIES OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM ON CYPRUS
SETTLEMENT. ECEVIT TOLD PRESS AUG 4 THAT "THERE IS NOT ANY DIVISION"
IN GOVT. EARLIER, ERBAKAN ASSURED REPORTERS AUG 3, "WE BELIEVE
WE ARE IN AGREEMENT ON THE BASIC SOLUTION NOT ONLY AS THE GOVERN-
MENT BUT AS THE WHOLE NATION." ON AUG 5 HE MADE ANOTHER STATEMENT
TO EFFECT THAT CYPRUS SUCCESS WAS WORK OF ALL PARTIES AND THAT ALL
WERE MOVING TOWARD AGREEMENT ON POSSIBLE SOLUTION.

4. COMMENT: DEMIREL, WHO AS PRIMIN DURING 1967 CYPRUS CRISIS
REFRAINED FROM INTERVENING ON ISLAND, IS NO DOUBT CONCERNED WITH
ECEVIT'S APPARENT JUMP IN POPULARITY AS RESULT OF CYPRUS LANDING.
HE NOW APPEARS TO BE STAKING OUT GROUND FOR FUTURE CRITICISM OF
ECEVIT'S HANDLING OF SETTLEMENT EFFORT.
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